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The police involved shooting that occurred on **Thursday, March 23, 2017, in the rear of 2307 Neil Avenue**, is still under investigation by the Critical Incident Response Team.

The suspect has been identified as **Ezra Isa Malik Cason, M/O/22, DOB 11-25-94**. He is charged with Harassment with a Bodily Fluid, a felony of the fifth degree, and Felonious Assault, a felony of the second degree. He remains at the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center in stable condition.

The victim has been identified as twenty-two year old **Melanie Alvarez Chica**. She remains at the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center in stable condition.

The officer involved is identified as **Officer Frank Miller #1479**. Officer Miller is a seventeen year veteran with the Division and is assigned to the Patrol Bureau.

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